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Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97, 1.98 and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure 609, Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the following information. The Examiner's independent and thorough review of this information is solicited.

Attached hereto please find Form PTO-1449 listing the cited references. Copies of the cited references are also enclosed. The Examiner is requested to indicate consideration of each reference by initialing in the appropriate box for each reference, and returning an initialed copy with the next Official Action.

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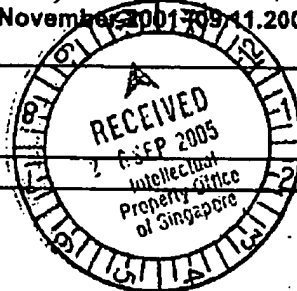
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Please find enclosed the

- ☐ **SEARCH REPORT**
- ☐ **EXAMINATION REPORT**
- ☒ **2. WRITTEN OPINION**

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Enclosures:

- ☐ the search report
(it is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in the report)
- ☐ the examination report
- ☒ the 2. written opinion
- ☐ the Registry's copy of the priority application



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GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

☒ Unity of invention is given.

Consequently, all parts of the application were the subject of examination in establishing this report.

☒ Basis of the opinion:

The 2. written opinion has been drawn on the basis of the application as transmitted with the request; and in consideration of the response to the written opinion dated 24.08.2005; and in consideration of the search report prepared by the Austrian Patent Office, dated 14.12.2004.

☒ The Applicant is thereby INVITED TO REPLY to this opinion within **5** months from the date of the Registrar's letter enclosing the written opinion.

HOW? By submitting a written reply, accompanied where appropriate, by the amendments.

IF NO REPLY IS TRANSMITTED, the examination report will be established on the basis of this written opinion. The Applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that a later submission will be considered not to have been made and will therefore not be taken into account.

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☐ EXAMINATION REPORT
☒ 2. WRITTEN OPINION

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Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

Date of actual completion of the report / opinion: 31 August 2005 (31.08.2005)

1. STATEMENT

Novelty (N)	YES	Claims	4-9
	NO	Claims	1-3,10-12
Inventive step (IS)	YES	Claims	4-9
	NO	Claims	1-3,10-12
Industrial applicability (IA)	YES	Claims	1-12
	NO	Claims	—

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

The following documents have been cited in the Search Report:

D1: EP 0397164 B1
D2: GB 2242047 A
D3: WO 01/71746 A1
D4: WO 99/37025 A1.

The written arguments filed in reply to the Written Opinion do not produce a sufficient differentiation to justify novelty respectively inventive step over the prior art cited.

Even after reconsideration no patentable difference could be found especially between the teaching of documents D1 and the present features of claims 1-3 and 10-12.

In contrast to the applicants opinion document D1 discloses essential features of said claims, namely a keypad structure comprising first and a plurality of second keys, first key provided with primary and secondary alphanumeric characters, the later characters being operable upon actuation for selectively display said characters in association of one of the second keys.

It might be true that the present application is aiming and achieving selection of the keys different from the art cited art, however the crucial thing are the presently recited features of the claims and exactly said features, as already stated in the former written opinion, are disclosed in document D1.

Moreover, the applicants' attention is drawn to the fact that especially claims 1 and 10 are of a very general manner. Therefore, lots of documents could be considered a bar as to novelty and inventiveness.

Therefore, the arguments concerning anticipation of claims 1-3 and 10-12, as pointed out in the former Written Opinion still have to be maintained.

It is recommended to express an inventive difference over the cited documents in technical features of a new specification which delimits the application in more concrete terms.

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